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But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.



Further Impressions from the General Assembly

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Readers' RESPONSE

To the Editor:

I appreciate the solid, sound message "The Painful Process of Growing Up," in the July 14 issue.

I do not, and cannot, and have not been able to understand why so many, and when I say so many I mean just that, of our people just will not take the Church of God Evangel when they idle their time and money away for things that do not amount to a thing and could be taking one of the best papers, yes, I will say the best religious paper ever printed today.

I have a right to know and I thank God for it, for I believe it was the Evangel that caused me to come this way.

—L. C. PENNINGTON

Iowa Park, Texas

To the Editor:

In regard to your wonderful book *Like a Mighty Army*, I think it is fine. I want you to look at the expenses of this great army as it marches on, and that is the Biblical plan as was so wonderfully explained in the Evangel of June 9. Every preacher and member of the Church of God ought to read this masterpiece by the Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Assistant General Overseer.

—C. M. DUNN

Ecorse, Mich.

To the Editor:

Of course, I like all your editorials, but I especially like "The Painful Process of Growing Up" and "Convictions and Prejudices" in the July 14 issue.

—REV. ZENO C. THARP

Wimauma, Fla.

To the Editor:

I read the editor's message "Our Alternative—Love or Perish." It says the things I have been thinking a great deal about lately, except from a member's point of view. All the things you said were so right.

Jealousy is our worst enemy. I have seen so much trouble among brothers and sisters in the church caused by jealousy. The man you were speaking of that was so like Christ that you never heard him bemean or disparage a fellow minister is truly a man of God. Even if he had other faults, he has really achieved something. He has reached a goal in life. I don't know him, but I admire him. It has been my desire and aim in life never to say anything about anyone that would hurt them in any way. The people of the Church of God would achieve more and go places faster if they would all work for the same goal and quit trying to devour each other.

I enjoy all your editorials immensely. "Are We Losing Our Distinctives?" really put me to thinking.

—MRS. LOVELLA S. HALL

Kingsport, Tenn.

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Editorial

A Church in Action

WHILE ONE MAY hesitate to call it one of our greatest Assemblies, the 47th meeting must certainly be regarded as one of our most significant and notable. Looking back, we must realize that the General Assembly is the heart, the spirit, and the strength of the Church of God. Since 1906 it has been so, and it shall probably always be so. It is the hub at which all the spokes of church activity converge, the core upon which the body is built, and the gravity that unites and solidifies the mass.

It is at the General Assembly that fellowship is welded, policy is established and motion is begun and given direction. It is therefore gratifying to note that none of the vitality and earnestness of the earliest meetings have been lost today. There have been changes, but those changes are due to growth and maturity rather than to any change in essence and spirit.

The debates of this Assembly were as vigorous as any we have ever had, and yet there was agreement of mind and purpose that reflects a deep-seated love and esteem for one another. For instance, there was an almost unparalleled unity in the voting for our general officials. The General Overseer, despite the fact that limitation made the selection of a new one necessary, was chosen on the *nominating* ballot! One Assistant General Overseer was selected on the *first* ballot and the second on the *nominating* ballot. The General Secretary-Treasurer was chosen on the *second* ballot, and the National Sunday School and Youth Director was named on the *nominating* ballot. Election of the Council of Twelve showed remarkable unanimity when six councillors were elected on the *nominating* ballot. This means that more than half of the persons elected to office at this General Assembly were chosen by receiving a majority of nominations, so that even a first ballot was not necessary. It is doubtful that any greater demonstration of confidence has ever been made.

The Assembly also brought out dramatically the evangelistic pulse of the church. This was especially true concerning the program of the colored work. I have never observed greater determination or a more purposeful ardor among our colored brethren. The new overseer of the colored work, J. T. Roberts (the

first white man to hold this position), impressed the observers that this important work is about to begin its first real phase of evangelism and expansion.

The attention paid to the eye-opening display of the Evangelism Committee revealed our abiding concern here. Further manifestation of this came from the mission service and the rally for the national radio broadcast (about which more will be said in a later *Evangel*). I would like to venture a prediction that in years ahead this will prove to be one of the most decisive steps ever taken by the Church of God. Remember that it is always in retrospect that the true importance of things can be discerned. It is generally afterward that steps of progress are recognized as such. For the present, our minds are usually too obsessed by our anxieties, apprehensions, frustrations and fears to take proper note that a lump of good heaven has been put into the loaf. It will do its work, nevertheless.

Of late, the world has become increasingly aware of us and our activities. In earlier years we were little noted when we came together, unless it was in disdain, or with tongue-in-cheek attitude. Not so today, as you will note by reading the report on pages 8 and 9. The Public Relations Committee was kept busy with newspaper reporters, photographers, long distance calls and other inquiries concerning the meeting, the church itself, and the Pentecostal movement in general. What we do and what we say has come to be a matter of public concern. They have seen that our customs and our teachings are convictions instead of "peculiarities" and that our people are responsible and respectable citizens instead of the "cranks" they once presumed us to be. Now that we have gained this voice, we must use it with discretion and sincerity.

It should also be observed that among the numerous greetings and invitations sent to the meeting was a portfolio from the city of Memphis, the mayor, and the Governor of Tennessee, urging the Assembly to return for the meeting of 1960. And less than fifty years ago a candidate for governor promised that, if elected, he would run the Church of God out of Tennessee!

The meeting focused attention on all the Pente-
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Missionaries at the Assembly

Special Services of the General Assembly

By F. J. May

TO TRY TO SELECT from the entire program of the General Assembly those services that seemed most important would be a difficult task indeed, for all the services were special.

In the opening service, where thousands of Church of God people from all over the world had gathered, we listened with our hearts enraptured while our General Overseer, Brother Morehead, spoke to us. He reminded us that we were "chosen of God, . . . a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." As he preached with a mighty anointing, we saw ourselves as a "possession of God, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people"; that we should "show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light." After hearing this great address, no one can doubt the importance of the responsibility that God has placed upon His Church in this world.

On Wednesday morning we felt our hearts greatly touched as we witnessed, in solemn reverence, the memorial service under the direction of Brother David L. Lemons. In this service, Brother Lemons gave honor to the 72 ministers who had passed on since the General Assembly in 1956. As Brother Lemons put it, these 72 ministers "had been promoted from the battle front conquest of holiness to their eternal rewards." Also, he pointed out that "The memory of the just is blessed." As the service continued, we were made aware of the fact that in order for us to receive a crown at the end of the way, we must now deny ourselves and seek only to glory in the cross of Christ. Then at the end we were reminded that we shall trade the old cross for a crown.

Another real specialty of the General Assembly was

the youth service. Our hearts thrilled to the singing of a great youth choir, directed by Brother A. T. Humphries. Then, there were honors bestowed upon young people from all sections of the United States who had won the following titles: National Bible Quiz Champion, Jack Scarborough, of Tampa, Fla.; Sunday School Superintendent of the Year, Hoyt Elliott, of Nashville, Tenn.; Leader of the Year, Mable Holdman, of St. Joseph, Mo. After this the youth directors from various states were awarded for their work in winning national contests in the youth department. As these young people stepped into the bright spotlight to be rewarded, we were made to feel that one day we all "shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ" to be rewarded for what we have done for Him. This youth service was climaxed with a message by Brother Luther Turner which was both a blessing and a challenge. He stressed the need for young people to be real soldiers of the cross who would be yielded to God in this dark age when there is so much danger and abounding evil.

Without a doubt, the missions program on Thursday evening made the greatest impression on the great congregation gathered in that large assembly hall. We heard reports of the mission work around the world and realized what a vast undertaking it is to "preach the gospel to every creature." What we witnessed that night was only a minor part of a great spiritual chain reaction that has been taking place for less than half a century. Church of God missions, which is the very heart and core of the church's commission, started with only a very feeble effort. Today the combined efforts of all the missionaries make up a gigantic army moving for God in this world.

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• The Assembly and

By G. W. Lane

EVANGELISM

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Church of God is actually the gathering of all ministers and local churches or their representatives who in times past were won by evangelism into this fellowship. Were it not for evangelism there would be no local churches. Christianity would be unknown without the efforts of called men of God making efforts to reach those outside Christ.

The history of the Church shows a very small beginning with very few constituents, but the fact of being small did not discourage them. The fire of anointing and the drive of compassion sent them in different directions in search of souls to bring to the Lord. To read the history "Like a Mighty Army" is very much like reading the book of the Acts of the Apostles in observing its push into different countries, cities, towns, and villages to take territory for God.

The Church of God has always been keenly aware that its commission is the great commission as recorded in Matthew 28:19, 20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." With this commandment in mind, the church is very directional in its endeavors. The one purpose of the church is to "seek and save that which was lost," and even though many departments seem to be active only within their own area and sphere, they are serving as

supply lines and feeders to the chief aim of the church. No other purpose takes precedence over that of soul-winning.

The General Assembly is a time set aside biennially for the church to come together for a retrospection of its efforts that it might improve and accentuate its drive of over-all evangelism. This 47th Assembly went about this work in an attitude of earnestness.

From the opening of the Assembly throughout its entirety, we sensed the ever present desire to do greater things toward reaching the lost. It was noticeable in the prayers as we heard men say, "We pray for a world-wide revival." In the council session we would hear the statement, "We need to pray for a revival."

In their messages the ministers urged accelerated efforts in evangelism as the stronghold, against subversion and apostasy which are more in evidence as time goes by.

The evangelism committee, assigned the task of working out details of our soul-winning efforts, has presented numerous suggestions for various levels of evangelistic endeavors, two of which I will mention. First the "Pioneers for Christ" which is a program of personal evangelism wherein the individual takes it upon himself to increase his efforts and pledges himself to the assigned task. It goes without saying that personal soul-winning is a most effective method. Second, the latest and most outstanding program is that of an inauguration of a national radio broadcast which is known to have the greatest outreach of the media available to religious efforts. Television probably could be more effective but the availability is limited so far. An outstanding minister, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Jr., was selected to represent the church on this network effort. Brother Paulk has done excellent work in the field of radio and television. It is hoped that thousands can be won to the Lord in this effort.

A very strong appeal for evangelism among the colored people was made by Rev. J. T. Roberts, overseer of the colored work. He requested that our churches lend a hand in helping to reach the millions among the colored people who would be receptive to our message. We expect a wide response to this evangelistic appeal.

As we look back upon this Assembly and its arrangement for world-wide reach, we are convinced that our plans are designed to produce great accomplishments in reaching the-unreached.



The impressive evangelism display

the Assembly then and NOW



By Lewis J. Willis

ON A COLD, bleak day, January 26, 1906, 21 persons gathered in the home of J. C. Murphy for the first General Assembly of the Church of God. Those courageous souls were met to plan for the progress of an infant church scarcely born. So intent was their concentration upon the problems at hand that they were hardly aware of the snow falling outside. They were filled with an urgency "to press into every open door . . . and work with greater zeal and energy for the spread of the glorious gospel of the Son of God.

In subsequent Assemblies the number of delegates increased but so did the problems. Matters of doctrine, practice, and policy were discussed frankly, sometimes heatedly, but always with the ultimate purpose of agreement. Occasionally, the Assemblies involved themselves with subjects which threatened to rupture the fellowship of the group, but always a workable agreement was found. Such subjects as divorce and the church evoked reverberations which caused great apprehension among some. The pain these occasions caused, however, has been long since accepted as "growing pains."

Those early Assemblies were not always conducted under the exact rules of parliamentary law! One moderator would place the measure before the group with these instructions: "Those of you who are in favor of the motion let it be known by your *silence*." Then he would say, "Those opposed may say 'no.'" When the opposition would then speak he would rebuke them with the words, "Quiet! You have voted already by your silence that you favored the measure." More than one delegate hurried home to become more familiar with Roberts' *Rules of Order*!

From the first General Assembly, the group declared, "We do not consider ourselves a legislative or executive body but judicial only." The theoretic ideal was for the General Assembly to "judiciously govern itself by a common interpretation of the Scriptures." The judicial approach to government has remained the intention of all subsequent Assemblies. It is not, however, an easy ideal to maintain. The hard fact is that when a judicial interpretation becomes an accepted rule, the consequence is uncomfortably close to legislative law.

The 21 persons who constituted the first General Assembly hardly dreamed that, in just over 50 years,

thousands would gather for such a meeting. Yet, on August 19-23, 1958 in Memphis, Tennessee, approximately 15,000 persons gathered for the 47th General Assembly. Such phenomenal growth, over a short period of time, inevitably produces change. These changes, which range from radical to negligible, probably indicate the tendencies and trends of the group.

As one seeks to analyze the basic precepts which stimulated and guided the early Assemblies in comparison with those which prevail today, he is made to feel, however, that the changes which have taken place have been to accommodate the growth of the group's concepts and number rather than any shift in the foundational principles which have governed the Assemblies since 1906. Necessarily the "family status" of the Assembly has changed. That is, no longer does the one delegate know every other delegate by the first name. To a degree, therefore, the Assemblies have come to be conducted on a more businesslike, impersonal basis. A nearer approach to correct parliamentary law has been adopted. More requisite work is done by committees. These developments have created a more orderly, systematic procedure.

Subjects stimulating widely divergent opinions still find their way to the agenda. Heated discussions, sometimes portentous and foreboding, occasionally characterize the debates. But, the same underlying motivation to discover what is best for the church, in keeping with the Holy Scriptures, remains the vogue of the Assemblies. It is doubtful that the discussions are one whit more heated now than 30 years ago.

Attention from the religious and secular press has made the Assemblies more conscious of their responsibility to the world and more careful in decorum and procedure. Press releases are sought for and secured during the Assembly sessions. Resolutions touching on world problems and important domestic subjects are released and sometimes receive extensive coverage by the wire service.

The programs of the General Assemblies reflect the march of progress made in the church. Missions, education, youth, Sunday School, L.W.W.B., children's home and evangelism are all recognized in the services. It is not unusual for a new book written by our own author to be presented to the group. The whole

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From the SIDELINES

By A. V. Beaube

Sidelines, as pertains to the General Assembly, are those things that go to make up the meeting and without which we could hardly have such a great convocation. They are an integral part, although they are not necessarily a part of the business sessions or worship services.

FELLOWSHIP

Anyone who arrived early and saw the friends, members, ministers, and officials of the Church of God coming into Memphis Tuesday morning, August 19, could not refrain from crying out, "Behold! How they love one another." This fact was demonstrated by the greetings, fellowship, renewing of old acquaintances, and the making of new ones; the "how do you do's," the "God bless you's," and the hand shakes. (This writer put out his hand to shake with an old friend and, upon realizing he felt a different hand shake, looked and found he had two hands at once.) A snap of the finger said to me, "Your brother, Rev. K. D. Beaube is near." Although he had not snapped his finger at me for many years, and I had not seen him since the last General Assembly, I knew the pop of his finger and said, "Well, where are you?"

ORDER

In order to have such a wonderful, spiritual feast with 10,000 people from all over the world and every state in the union, it would seem that all order and government would have to be dispensed with, but not so. Just to let the thousands of people who were not privileged to attend know how orderly the meeting was, I will relate one happening. The writer, who has been a full-time minister in the church for more than 30 years, has served in almost every capacity in the church, has been in every General Assembly since 1927, has been in every Ministers' Council since 1931, and has served on the Supreme Council for a number of years, was met by a husky, young, sergeant at arms at the door of the Council room. Said he, "I know your face and who you are, but you have not registered. Go to the end of the line. When you have registered and received your identification card you may return." That is real order.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR

The moderator called for order. All took their seats and all former general officials were invited to be seated on the platform. We were ready to begin our Father's business.

NO BIG I'S AND LITTLE U'S

The picture accompanying this article portrays the true spirit of humility and concern we have for each other. Rev. R. P. Johnson, who is over 70 years of age, has retired after having served the church for more than 40 years. Brother Johnson, who might well be called one of the "good old men" of the church, is shown greeting young Rev. Donald Miller, who was licensed this year and is now serving his first pastoral charge in a small church in Kansas. Yes, we are brethren at the Assembly.

HOUSING

The pre-assembly committee had worked faithfully with the hotel and tourist court management, as well as in securing many rooms in private homes. There were literally thousands of people who came to Memphis in one day, but as far as we knew, no one was left out of a good place to lodge. We can but marvel at the cooperation and hospitality shown to all of us.

MEALS

While there are adequate cafeterias, cafes, and restaurants in the city of Memphis, imagine thousands of people being let out at one time to go to the already crowded places to eat. The management had anticipated this rush of Church of God preachers on the eating places, (and who can eat more than they?), and had asked the Chamber of Commerce to have the Hotel King Cotton prepare food for about 1,100 in the cafeteria at the auditorium. They sent Chef Stewart Miller and 72 cooks, waiters, and waitresses to prepare some of the best meals, family style, that could be obtained. We were well fed.

THE DISPLAY BOOTHS

To acquaint our people with the different departments (Continued on page 11)



FOR THE THIRD time since 1954, Church of God folks have left a good impression on the people of Memphis. Men and women who attended the 47th biennial General Assembly won the respect of cab drivers, cafe owners, hotel managers, city officials and religious leaders, both Protestant and Catholic. This was shown by a spot check with citizens of all walks of life the week after the big five-day meeting ended on August 23.

Memphis civic leaders, including Mayor Edmund Orgill and Chamber of Commerce officials, said they would like to see the General Assembly return to Ellis Auditorium in 1960.

What caused this high regard for visiting Church of God delegates? Some of the reasons, if we're going to be honest about it, are selfish on the part of Memphians. But the most important reasons are unselfish and spiritual.

Let's take a close look at a few of them:

Rev. T. O. Slaughter, president of the Memphis Ministerial Association, said he felt the General Assembly strengthened the spiritual life of the entire city.

"It was obvious the delegates were people of high moral character," Rev. Mr. Slaughter said. "They left favorable impressions wherever they went. And they created better understanding between themselves and churchgoers of other faiths." This improved under-

OUR CITY *Was*

By LaRue Gilleland

Memphis Commercial Appeal

standing was emphasized by the remark of a devout Roman Catholic. He said that in reading about the Church of God meeting he became so interested in the Pentecostal practice of speaking in tongues he intends to make a study of it.

Assistant Police Chief Lee Qulanthy, who knows what a headache conventions of the wrong kind can be, said: "The Church of God people were perfect ladies and gentlemen. We didn't have a single complaint



The Vast General Assembly Audience
Photo by Memphis Press-Scimitar

Was IMPRESSED

*A report on the
 Assembly afterglow*



involving any of them. If every group conducted themselves as well, we'd have an easy time of it on the Police Department."

Chauncey Barbour, manager of Ellis Auditorium, described the Church of God delegates as "the nicest bunch of people we ever dealt with—they cooperated in every way."

Memphis store owners appreciated the business the delegates brought to the city.

"There's no telling how much money they left in this town," one restaurateur said.

"Every member must have driven his own car," said a busy Third Street service station operator. "I can't remember when we serviced cars from so many states."

About the only complaint came from a Main Street liquor store owner. "They passed me up by the thousands," he said.

Even the beauty of many Church of God women made a favorable impression. Complimentary remarks by a number of Memphians, especially women, indicated they were intrigued that the women could look so attractive and well groomed without wearing make-up.

The news which came out of the General Assembly apparently contained enough variety to get the attention of many people. For example, plans to launch a nationwide radio ministry, the church's first attempt of its kind, aroused comment among radio personnel of a local station the following night at the Memphis Press Club. They described the venture as a "progressive step" for the church to make.

A news story about the rapid growth of Church of God missions in foreign lands (a more than two-fold increase in members and adherents in eight years) produced admiration within mission circles of several denomination, according to local religious leaders.



WOMEN AT THE ASSEMBLY

By Ellen B. French

I WAS INTERESTED in finding out why our women attend the General Assembly, and, to that end, I interviewed a number of them. Below are given some representative answers.

The unanimity of opinions offered was surprising, and gave rise to the speculation that not without reason do persons outside our ranks comment on the remarkable unity among Church of God people.

1. Why do you come to the General Assembly? "I come to receive a spiritual blessing." "I come to have fellowship with friends." "I come because it is a time of freedom from routine responsibility, and affords several days of relative privacy when I can spend much time in prayer."

2. What do you do while here? A large percent said, "I attend all the services." Between times, "I rest," "I shop," "I visit," were frequent replies.

3. To what extent do wives influence their husbands' decisions? A unanimous "None." Some said their husbands counseled with them or discussed the coming year's work with them, but all felt that the men made independent decisions.

4. What impact does the Assembly have on women's attitudes and spiritual life? "The Assembly has a good influence." "... an uplifting influence." "There is a mellow spirit this year." "To see such large numbers who serve the Lord encourages us to feel stronger when we are back home where only a few serve Him."

5. Do you encourage your children to come to the Assembly? "Yes." How are they helped?

- a. "They get acquainted with other Christian young people."
- b. "They receive spiritual uplift."
- c. "They see the unity of the church."

d. "They understand better how our church functions."

e. "They find themselves a part of a great company who hold the same faith and practices, which has a stabilizing influence."

It will be easily seen that our women attend the Assembly for reasons that are valid and good. They return to the field quickened by the impact of what they have seen and heard.



Mmes. Houston R. Morehead and James A. Cross

FROM THE SIDELINES

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ments of our church and to display to our many visitors our plans to carry the full gospel for the whole man to all the world, there were a dozen or more display booths set up on the following subjects:

YOUTH

Child Training
Homes for Children
Sunday Schools
Young People's Endeavor
Lamplighters Club

ANSWERING THE CALL

American Bible Society
Evangelism
The Gospel for Our Neighboring Nations
South American and World Missions

COMMERCIAL

The Church of God Publishing House
The Bookstore
Pathway Mutual Insurance Company

Some of these displays may seem commercial at first glance, but there is a great potentiality for spiritual good as the church is to receive financial benefits to help with the different phases of our work. The Church of God Publishing House is owned and operated by the church. All profits are used for the church. The Pathway Bookstore is a subsidiary of the publishing house. In Pathway Mutual Insurance Company 30 percent of the stock is owned by Lee College. Let us hope and pray that some day this will subsidize Lee College so that we may be financially secure in this all-important arm of our church.

ALL SAID AND DONE

As seen by your reporter on the sidelines of the General Assembly, it was one of the best Assemblies since I have been attending.

ASSEMBLIES: THEN AND NOW

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field of Christian responsibility has been approached by the church and each area receives its respective recognition. This could have hardly occurred in the early Assemblies.

This year, for the first time, the Assembly adopted a central theme: "Holiness belongeth to Thy house, O Lord." This is an obvious effort to re-emphasize our adherence to Bible holiness and seek to coordinate the entire Assembly proceedings toward an agreed upon goal. No effort is made to over systematize or regiment the Assembly services. Rather, it is an effort to facilitate, as adequately as possible, the strength of 15,000 persons into a singleness of purpose.

Thus, within 50 years, considerable change has taken place. Because of the large attendance, the Assemblies must now be conducted more or less on an impersonal basis. Notwithstanding, an informal, brotherly spirit pervades and characterizes the general atmosphere. Gone, however, is the carnival or

festive air. It is the picture of a church "growing up" in concept, capability, and responsibility.

We are now more conscious of the world and our responsibility to it. The world is also more aware of us and our potentialities. They realize we have a definite contribution to make to the welfare of the land. Consequently, religious, civic and political leaders visit our Assemblies and extend warm and cordial friendship. This does not mean we have become like the world. Rather, it means we are integrating our strength with that of others to help the world.

Yes, 50 years has altered the Assemblies somewhat, but the same spirit pervades and the same principles undergird. While the virgin enthusiasm characteristic of a pioneer effort has doubtlessly waned, there is still present a devoted eagerness to honor Christ and to extend His kingdom work. The spirit which impelled the first Assembly to pledge to "spread the glorious gospel of the Son of God" still prevails. In this Assembly definite plans were adopted to strengthen our educational institutions, to undergird our world-wide missions activities, and to greatly enlarge our evangelistic efforts. A program calculated to establish a coast to coast radio broadcast was launched.

So it is, we continue to move in the same direction but with greater strength. The Church of God moves ahead! Ours is the march of progress and as Victor Hugo says, "Progress is the onward stride of God."

SPECIAL SERVICES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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And yet, during this mission service, we felt the responsibility of the great commission with renewed urgency as we saw the tremendous need for missionaries to fill the open doors that await the message of the Church of God. Also as Brother Paul H. Walker preached, we felt that time was running out and that we must make haste if we were to pay the price to see the glory of God.

One medium for helping to preach the gospel to every creature is the voice of radio. We were thankful that Brother Earl P. Paulk, Jr., had been selected to represent the Church of God and its message to this great nation of ours.

Also, a service that presented a serious challenge to the Church of God, was the special service on Saturday morning under the direction of Brother J. T. Roberts, the overseer of the colored churches. He called our attention to the many millions of unsaved, unchurched colored people in this country. We could not help but be ashamed when we realized what a little effort had been put forth to win souls from the tremendous Negro population of the United States.

All in all, these services seemed to serve the same purpose. They challenged us to go forth in this world truly as a royal priesthood, and a holy nation, showing forth the praises and works of Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, who has called us and commissioned us to perform this great work. May we heed this challenge and spread the light of the gospel to all the world in our generation.



That We Reach-Win-Hold Our Youth!

Y.P.E. ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN, OCTOBER 1-31, 1958

Dear Pastor and Y.P.E. President:

"Consuming passion"—"a burning heart"—and "moving feet," when combined into the life of a Christian, produce the formula that enables that Christian to successfully reach others for Christ.

This is the formula with which the Y.P.E. Enlargement Campaign has been planned. More than ever before, emphasis is being placed on "youth-winning" methods which will reach unchurched young people, and then, after they have been reached, to win and hold them for Christ and the Church.

The potential of youth as soul-winners has often been overlooked. Youth can be very effective as far as winning other young people to Christ is concerned. Seemingly, it is rather easy for a young man or young woman to brush aside the invitation of an older person to accept Christ, but the down-to-earth, sincere and simple testimony of one Christian youth often reaches into the very heart center of another.

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You will notice upon examining the Y.P.E. Enlargement Campaign material, that we are suggesting methods that will bring permanent enlargement results in your Y.P.E.

Pastor and Y.P.E. President, we are depending heavily upon *you* for the success of this campaign in your church. If you are disinterested, then we have little hope of there being interest among your young people. Our efforts to help them will have been in vain.

On the other hand, if a "consuming passion"—"a burning heart"—and "moving feet" grip each of you, we have every reason to feel *contagious enthusiasm* will spread fast among your youth. Then you will have, in every sense of the word, what all of us want, a *real Y.P.E. Enlargement Campaign*.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Y.P.E.'s participating (and we hope *all* of our Y.P.E.'s will) will be classed in *four* groups according to last year's average weekly Y.P.E. attendance. Y.P.E.'s participating in the *October Enlargement Campaign* will be listed in the *Lighted Pathway*.

SPECIAL, SPECIAL RECOGNITION!

In each of the four groups, the

ten highest Y.P.E.'s with reference to the number of young people converted, the

ten highest Y.P.E.'s with reference to the number of young people visited, and the

ten highest Y.P.E.'s with reference to Y.P.E. percentage attendance increase

will be listed in the *Lighted Pathway*.

DON'T FAIL TO MAIL YOUR CAMPAIGN REPORT FORM

Please give special attention to the report form included in your Y.P.E. Enlargement Campaign Packet. Please fill this out and mail it to the National Office no later than *November 30, 1958*. This is the only way we have of knowing that you cooperated with us in this enlargement campaign and the results you experienced.

The matter now rests with you. Are you willing to pay the price and to "burn out" to reach the young people in your church and community for Christ?

REPORT FORM	
Name of church	_____
Address	_____
City	State _____
Pastor's name	_____
Y.P.E. president's name	_____
Average Weekly Y.P.E. attendance for period beginning Oct. 1, 1957, and ending September 30, 1958 _____	
(To get weekly average attendance, divide year's total attendance by 52 or actual number of Y.P.E. services conducted during this time if less than fifty-two.)	
Average weekly Y.P.E. attendance during Enlargement Campaign —October 1-31, 1958 _____	
Number of young people saved during Enlargement Campaign _____	
Number of young people visited during Enlargement Campaign _____	
(Mail no later than Nov. 30, 1958 to National Sunday School and Youth Department, 1060 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tenn.)	

Wholeheartedly for youth,

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Child Is Delivered From Epilepsy

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—I have been impressed at different times, to send in my testimony concerning the healing of my 8-year-old son, Stephen, but have neglected doing so. At the age of about 3 years, he began having epileptic fits. We carried him to baby specialists all over the country. We also had him at Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C. for skull X rays. The cause was never determined and they gave me no hope of his recovery. The doctors said that he would probably become worse as he grew older. They could only give him medicine to help control the seizures. It seemed to me that this was one trial almost unbearable, but I knew that God was able and it was up to me to touch God for my child.

In the 1956 North Carolina camp meeting, my faith was strengthened very much after hearing Brother Roten Dunn's testimony of God's great healing in his life. Then, when I was desperate before the Lord one day and felt that I must have an answer from heaven concerning my child, I asked God to give me a scripture that would help me. With my eyes closed and my soul fixed on God, I opened my Bible to the 17th chapter of Jeremiah and my eyes fell on the 5th verse. I read through the 14th. I had never remembered reading this scripture before, but I knew that this was God from heaven speaking to me.

I laid my son's medicine aside and said, "God, he is in your hands." God wonderfully delivered

him and this August 14, will be 3 years since his deliverance. Praise His holy name. Doctors and medicine are wonderful, but God is more wonderful. He can do for you what no other power can do.

—Mrs. A. H. Clarke, Jr.

God Completely Heals Goiter

INDIO, Calif.—In September, 1957, the doctor told me I had a goiter and would never be well. I would have to take medicine the rest of my life. I had known for sometime that something was wrong because I was losing a lot of weight and had gotten into such a nervous state. I feared I was nearing a nervous breakdown. I continued to take medicine for several months but continually grew worse. Finally I realized I had gone as far as I could go without help from some source.

One Thursday afternoon, returning home from work, I fell on my knees and pleaded for my Saviour's help. I had been healed several times, and I knew my Saviour could still heal if I could believe. I had become so ill that most of the time I did everything mechanical, and many times felt I was losing my desire to live. I knew that unless Jesus undertook I could not continue in this state. I promised my Lord if He would heal my body I would testify through the *Evangel*.

Thursday afternoon I prayed for God to heal me that night at church and for it to come in such

a way that I could believe without doubt. Such an assurance came over me that I went across town to a precious friend's house and told her I believed God was going to heal me that night at church. She said, "Praise the Lord, I'll believe it with you."

Arriving at church that night, I recall that Satan tried to hinder me and talk me out of asking for prayer. Finally at the end of the service, I asked my pastor, Rev. Thomas Griffith (who certainly is a man of God) to pray for my healing. I have the uttermost confidence in him and knew he could touch God in my behalf. Almost everyone had left the service by this time, but those that remained gathered around. As Brother Griffith anointed me with oil and prayers were made, the glory of heaven came down. I felt the healing virtue of God flow through my body, and I knew I was healed. I felt my throat open, and several saw the Lord smite the goiter from my throat. Everyone present felt the healing virtue, and no one doubted my healing. Many testified of this on their various jobs.

One month ago I went back to this same doctor and the report was that I had no goiter and my thyroid glands were functioning properly. It has been almost a year now and I'm still healed. I feel like a new person. Once again I can enjoy life and do more for my Saviour. I do give God the glory, and I pray that this testimony will be an encouragement and a blessing to someone who needs the healing touch of God. Regardless of the affliction or disease, our Lord can heal if we will believe Him.

—Ruby Harris

I Knew I Was Healed

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—I want to praise God for healing my body. I injured myself while trimming trees and doing yard work. A knot came in my side and caused such pain that I could hardly walk through the house. For a month I prayed for healing, but it is hard

A CHURCH IN ACTION

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costal world. In keeping with this fact, there was a splendid demonstration of Pentecostal brotherhood. Visitors to the Assembly included the heads of several Pentecostal denominations. Ralph E. Riggs, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God; W. E. McAllister, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; and Clayton Lawson, General Overseer of the Church of God of the Mountain Assembly, were among the guests who greeted the dele-

gates. That these brethren should take time from the press of their enormous tasks to visit our Assembly declared to the world that Pentecost is a body of unity and mutual respect.

For the first time the entire Assembly was built around a general theme. What a fortunate one it was—*Holiness Becometh Thy House, O Lord, Forever*. To that I say, "Amen!" So let it be, for so should it be—and so must it be! Once we had holiness without recognition; finally our holiness has brought us recognition. Now may it never be that we have recognition without holiness.

to have faith for healing while suffering. On Sunday morning, I began to pray for more faith, and the Lord said, "Go to your sister, Mamie, and she will take you where you will be healed." I said, "Lord I am not able to go, but I know You will give me strength or You wouldn't have told me to go." She lived 60 miles from my home. I got my things together and started praying as I went. When I got there she came out to greet me and I said, "Praise God, I have come to get my healing." She asked me if Annie (another sister) told me to come because God had told her that she would be healed. I said, "No, I haven't seen her yet, but God told me to come." So you see how God works to increase one's faith. We talked and prayed in her home that afternoon. Two of her friends came in and I told them that I had come to get my healing. My sister took me to a church in Cypress. I said, "God, You know what I am here for; You know what You sent me for." For the first time I knew I had the faith. When the healing line was called, I was the fourth in line to be anointed. When the minister put his hand on my head, my sister put her hand on the knot in my stomach and I felt the power of God jerk that knot and with my eyes closed I saw a bright white light pass over me. I knew I was healed. Praise God, He has healed me many times in the past, and I try to repay Him by telling others of His saving and healing power. He led me by a beautiful vision out of the modern churches into the way of holiness and I know that by His help and guiding hand I am going to be ready for the rapture. Praise God!

—Mrs. Buna M. Teston

Completely Healed of Arthritis

CRESTVIEW, Fla.—In April, 1955, I had arthritis all over my body. I went to a bone specialist here, and he told me that he could not do anything for me. He referred me to another doctor in Foley, Alabama. My husband telephoned the doctor in Foley for an appointment. He told my husband that he could bring me on over that day. When we arrived the doctor told me that he would have to have \$35.00 just to examine me. We only had \$5.00 with us. He let me know at once that the hospital was not a charity hospital, so we didn't ask for credit. As we got in the car to return home, I said that I would leave it up to the Lord to heal me.

We then made plans to attend Oral Roberts' meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. After I got my prayer card, I found out that I could not be prayed for right away. We went

home but went back down there the next week end. When I was prayed for, the devil told me that I wouldn't get healed, but I was trusting the Lord that I would get healed. That night in our hotel room, the devil tried to show me I wouldn't get healed for I surely suffered that night. The pain was so severe that I thought I couldn't stand it any longer. Praise the Lord! The next morning I was able to walk a block to the bus station. Today I am completely healed. I have never been bothered since.

—Mrs. Lucille Turner

God Heals Through "Evangel"

FROSTPROOF, Fla.—I wish to sound a note of praise to God for touching my body. He has been so real to me and I love Him. Something was wrong with my body and I was getting worried. One night when I went to bed I could not rest. I had already prayed and begged God to touch my body. I got the *Evangel* and laid it on my body and said, "Lord, this little paper was anointed to bless the suffering." Praise the dear Lord! I have not felt any pain from that trouble since.

—Mrs. Susie Martin

God Touched My Body, Diabetes and Heart Trouble Gone

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Several months ago, God healed me of heart trouble and sugar diabetes. I had been taking shots for over a year, but I gave the shots up because I was prayed for. God heard and answered prayer. I have been for check-ups several times and they find no trace of sugar diabetes and my heart is in good shape. I am in better health now than I have been in 10 or 12 years. Praise God forever for His great love. Truly God is real to me and I praise His name.

—Mary Trayal

Delivered From the Hands of Satan

BAYARD, Fla.—I want to thank God for saving my soul. I was in the hands of Satan until I was nearly crazy. I would go to church, and when I worked, I would pay my tithes. But I would not give up my evil ways. I could not sleep at night and my nerves were so bad that I did not want to talk to anyone. My body swelled so much I could hardly walk. My blood pressure went so high that I almost had a stroke and I almost went blind. I would still go to church and walk out at the altar call. Satan had me thinking that I

would be much better off dead, but God kept calling me.

On Sunday night, I had my husband to take me to Brother Buck Gillispie's church in Jacksonville. It seemed as if I would die before the altar call was given. Satan tried to make me think I would die if I went, but I went anyway. Brother Gillispie prayed for me and in Jesus' name cast out the demons.

Pray for me that I can get closer to the Lord and help to win souls for our Saviour. It is time for all of us to get ready to meet our Lord.

—Mrs. Troy Davis

Pray for My Family to Be Saved

ENIGMA, Ga.—As I lay down to rest for a few minutes after dinner, the thought struck me to look for a roll of *Evangel*s I had put away. I found so many good testimonies of different ones and it put a hunger in my heart to help in the great cause of Christ.

I am the mother of seven living children and only three of them are saved. They are all married and have children of their own. I am the only Church of God member in my family and I ask everyone to pray for my family to wake up and see what it means to be saved and be active in this great movement. I count it a great privilege to be with a body of people that preach and teach the full gospel. I feel in my heart that what we do for God we must do it quickly. Please pray for me and my children.

—Mrs. L. S. Cranford

God Saves and Heals

AUGUSTA, Ga.—My mother and sister once visited the publishing house and when they returned home, my sister told me the *Evangel*s were prayed over before they left the plant.

I recently had heart surgery and it seems that blood clots are great danger after surgery. It seemed one night that I had one in my foot. The Bible was too heavy to wrap on my foot so I wrapped the *Evangel* on it. I knew that the people had prayed for the *Evangel*. With their prayers and mine, I knew God would heal. God, knowing where the danger was, covered me with the blood of Jesus and healed my foot.

I want to testify that by the mighty power of God and the prayers of the Church of God people, I live to declare His power of saving and healing. Pray for me that I will stand true to God and do His precious will.

—Inez Peacock



family devotions



By MRS. RUTH STARNES, Greenwood, South Carolina

Memory Verse: *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service"* (Romans 12:1).

Monday, September 22

Scripture, Philippians 3:13, 14

A consecrated life will bless those with whom we come in contact. A deeper consecration on the part of God's people is needed if we are to receive His best for us. The world is cold and hostile toward the Christian, yet we must not partake of its evil works to gain favor with man. At God's appointed time there will be deliverance for those unspotted ones. All of man's righteousness is as filthy rags before God. We must be clothed with the garments of holiness to qualify for the reward at the end of the way.

Pray to be counted worthy to stand unashamed in the presence of God.

Tuesday, September 23

Scripture, John 13:35

Love speaks in all languages. Love is a test of true discipleship. When a great man reached his eightieth year he said, "I can no longer see. I can no longer hear. I am not able to work, but I can still love. Love never falleth!" Love must be given in return for love if it is to live. A young lady once committed suicide, leaving a note stating the reason for her action. She said, "In all of my life I have never really loved anyone." The world is dying for love, true Christian love. Let us be an example to others in our exercise of this grace.

Pray for God to fill our lives with love for Him and others.

Wednesday, September 24

Scripture, 1 Peter 5:6

The humble soul will be blessed. Too many people are exalted in their own eyes. Some people think God should never let anything distasteful come their way. When some trial comes, they are crushed and cannot stand. The proud heart is an abomination to God. We are exalted by God as we humble ourselves under His mighty hand. Pride caused the downfall of Lucifer in ages past and led to the pollution of the human race. Humility is not a weak frailty. It has power to dissolve enmities. It is a way of using strength without irritation.

Pray for a deeper consecration.

Thursday, September 25

Scripture, Psalm 100

A person who is grateful for the benefits of life is admired by all. Superficial gestures will not suffice. A halfhearted allegiance will not satisfy the heart of God. As long as the heart is yielded to God there is a well of praise within. We can come before His presence with singing, knowing that He has brought us out of the pits of sin. We are to give thanks in everything, knowing that our Redeemer has daily loaded us with His benefits. When we remember the abundant mercy of God toward us, we need to render thanks unto Him.

Pray for a thankful spirit at all times.

Friday, September 26

Scripture, John 15:1-8

Fruit is the evidence of a healthy life. Many people have the appearance of life but fruit is never seen. God expects us to bear fruit for the upbuilding of His kingdom. A purging process is given by God to rid the life of unproductive branches. This may be painful during the pruning but much fruit will be the result. A fruit-bearing Christian may not be popular with the world, but Jesus said we were not of this world. If you see a fruit tree with skinned bark, you will know that there is fruit on it and that someone has tried to pluck that fruit. The true Christian may have to endure criticism, but remember, all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Pray that we may bear fruit abundantly for God.

Saturday, September 27

Scripture, Mark 10:43, 44

A man was once asked how he had risen to his high position in so short a time. He replied, "I became a love slave for the company." Jesus says if we want to be great we must become a servant. Most people like the high positions so that their work can be seen. Our labor is not measured by how great it seems in man's eyes, but by how God values it. One has said we are going to be surprised when we get

to heaven to see who gets there and who doesn't. I believe some of the greatest rewards will be to those who were insignificant in this life. The acclaim of the crowd does not make us important with God. Our lives will be ennobled by doing the will of God whether it be small or great.

Pray that we perform our duties to please God.



Pray for some serious unspoken requests.
—M.E.V.

Pray for the healing of my body, my granddaughter to be healed and my 17-year-old grandson who is in bad health and unsaved.

—A Friend

Pray that the Lord will make a way for me to be able to return home.

—Mrs. J. E. Austin
Dundee, Michigan

Pray for my mother who is an invalid in the sanatorium and pray for me to be healed in my body.

—Josephine Stiler
Miami, Florida

Pray that the Lord will heal me of a nervous condition, stomach trouble, and give me strength to be an overcomer.

—Mrs. H. D. Riddleberger
Vinton, Virginia

Pray that the Lord will heal my husband. The doctors don't seem to know what is wrong with him.

—Mrs. John Hollis
Haynes, Arkansas

Pray for my son who was in a car wreck and is not expected to live. He is unsaved.

—Mrs. Charles L. Lewis
Franklin, Va.

Pray for God to heal my head.
—Mrs. Mattie Carter
Miami, Fla.

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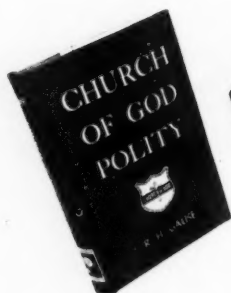


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